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**Name of Device:** Smith & Nephew, Inc. Circular Fixation System

**Common Name:** Multilateral Fixators and Accessories

**Device Classification Name and Reference:** 21 CFR 888.3030, Single/multiple component metallic bone fixation appliances and accessories.

**Device Class:** Class II

**Panel Code:** Orthopaedics/87

**Product Code:** KTT, OSN

#### Device Description

Subject of this Traditional 510(k) premarket notification is the Smith & Nephew Circular Fixation System. The subject device is a multilateral external fixation system that is intended for fracture fixation, fixation of long bones and for joint fusions and limb lengthening or deformity corrections which involve cutting of the bone. The Circular Fixation system can also be used with a software component that is designed to be used to assist the physician in adjusting the six struts by creating a patient adjustment schedule. Components of this premarket notification include the following:

- Full, half, 2/3 and foot rings manufactured from aluminum material.
- U-plates manufactured from aluminum material.
- Adjustable struts manufactured from aluminum material
- Drill tip wires manufactured from stainless steel material
- Accessory components such as rancho cubes, ring connectors, nuts, bolts and centering sleeves manufactured from stainless steel material
- Disc clips manufactured from polycarbonate material
- Half pin caps manufactured from PVC material
- Web-based software

The Circular Fixation System can also be used with other existing Smith and Nephew, Inc external fixation components.

#### Technological Characteristics

A review of the mechanical data indicates that the hardware components of the Circular Fixation System are capable of withstanding expected *in vivo* loading without failure. In addition, software verification and validation testing was completed in line with FDA's guidance document entitled, "General Principles of Software Validation; Final Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff," dated January 11, 2002. The results of the testing indicate that the software will perform as intended. The following mechanical and software testing of the Circular Fixation System was performed:

- Cutting Performance Evaluation of Drill Tip Wires
- Evaluation of the maximum Tightening Torque of the Pin Connector Hinge and the Pin Connector Post
- Mechanical Evaluation of the Pin Connector Assembly
- Evaluation of the Wire Pull-Out Force and Maximum Threading Torque of the Combo Wire Fixation Bolt
- Mechanical Evaluation of the ControlFx Strut
- Software Installation Qualification Protocol
- Software Operational Qualification Protocol
- Software Performance Qualification Protocol

A review of this testing has demonstrated that there are no new issues related to the safety and effectiveness of the subject devices. Clinical data was not needed to support the safety and effectiveness of the subject devices.

#### Intended Use

The Smith & Nephew Circular Fixation System is intended to be used for post-traumatic joint contracture which has resulted in loss of range of motion; fractures and disease which generally may result in joint contractures or loss of range of motion and fractures requiring distraction; open and closed fracture fixation; pseudoarthrosis of long bones; limb lengthening by epiphyseal or metaphyseal distraction; correction of bony or soft tissue deformities; correction of bony or soft tissue defects; joint arthrodesis; infected fractures or nonunions. Components in the Smith & Nephew Circular Fixation System are for single use only.

#### Substantial Equivalence Information

The substantial equivalence of the Circular Fixation System is based on its similarities in indications for use, design features, operational principles, and materials to the following predicate systems:

Manufacturer	Description	Submission Number	Clearance Date
Smith & Nephew	Illizarov (Richards) External Fixation System	K870961	03-19-1987
Smith & Nephew	Illizarov External Fixation System	K962808	08-19-1996
Smith & Nephew	Taylor Spatial Frame	K970748	05-09-1997
Smith & Nephew	External Fixation System	K994143	02-18-2000
Smith & Nephew	Jet-X Bar System Clamps, Bar and Posts	K072212	03-07-2008
Smith & Nephew	VLP Foot Plating, Screw system and Accessories	K090675	06-04-2009

#### Conclusion

As previously noted, this Traditional Premarket Notification is being submitted to request clearance for the Circular Fixation system. Based on the similarities to the predicate components and a review of the mechanical and software testing performed, the devices are substantially equivalent to above predicate external fixation systems.



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Re: K093047

Trade/Device Name: Smith & Nephew Circular Fixation System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3030  
Regulation Name: Single/multiple component metallic bone fixation appliances and accessories  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: KTT, OSN  
Dated: August 13, 2010  
Received: August 13, 2010

Dear Ms. Myers:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); medical device reporting (reporting of medical device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803); good manufacturing practice requirements as set

device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please go to <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDRH/CDRHOices/ucm115809.htm> for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health's (CDRH's) Office of Compliance. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). For questions regarding the reporting of adverse events under the MDR regulation (21 CFR Part 803), please go to <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/ReportaProblem/default.htm> for the CDRH's Office of Surveillance and Biometrics/Division of Postmarket Surveillance.

You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

Premarket Notification  
Indications for Use Statement

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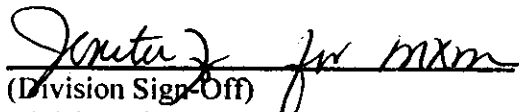
Prescription Use   X    
(Part 21 CFR 801.109)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

  
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